Batra Hospital & Research Centre, Mahrauli, Delhi	None	Three	One
Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre, Rohini, Delhi	None	One	None

Medical Tourism

†507. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the medical tourism scheme is confined to the papers since the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for Government taking so much time in implementing the said scheme which has the potential of earning income of more than Rs. ten thousand crores and generating employment; and

(d) the steps Government are going to take to make India a hub of the said scheme in the world and the time-frame within which the said scheme would be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (d) Department of Tourism has requested all the State Tourism Department to promote Medical Tourism through suitable packaging of indentified best hospitals and price banding for various specific treatment. Moreover, guidelines formulated by Department of AYUSH, to prescribe minimum requirements for Ayurveda and Panchakarma centres have also been circulated to all State Governments.

The steps taken by the Government for providing easy access of medical aid to the visiting tourists include preparation of a guide on select Indian cities and corresponding hospitals, and a guide on suggested uniform price-band for different speciality services for Indian hospitals by Indian Healthcare Federation, a Non-Government Organization affiliated to the confederation of Indian Industry for promoting health tourism. A new category of visa "Medical Visa" ('M'-Visa), has been

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introduced by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, which can be given for specific purpose to foreign tourists coming to India for medical treatment. Medical and Health facilities available in India have been promoted at various international platforms such a World Travel Mart, London, ITB Berlin, etc. for medical tourists.

CGHS dispensaries in Chennai

508. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of CGHS dispensaries in Chennai including dispensaries of Indian System of Medicines and homoeopathy;

(b) whether Government would set up more Siddha and Ayurveda dispensaries in Chennai; and

(c) whether Government would set up Unani CGHS dispensaries in Chennai to popularize this system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) to (c) The details of CGHS dispensaries functioning in Chennai are as under:

1.	Allopathic dispensary	14
2.	Ayurvedic dispensary	1
3.	Homoeo. dispensary	1
4.	Siddha dispensary	1

One more Sidha Unit has been sanctioned during 2006 but at present it is not functioning due to non-availability of Pharmacist.

In the 10th Five Year Plan there is no proposal to open any AYUSH dispensary in Chennai.

Nursing Colleges in the country

509. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of nursing colleges in the country approved by the Nursing Council of India, State-wise; and